

PYRALIDAE

Few species of interest were seen. *Crambus ericella* (Hübner) was found only at Inchnadamph (VC 108), perhaps because the day of our visit there was the only one on which the sun shone brightly. We made a special expedition, following directions given us by Mr. B. Goater, to Craigie, Aberdeenshire (VC 92) to look for *Catoptria permutatella* (Herrich-Schäffer). We took only two specimens, one worn and the other in mint condition. On our return to our base at Newtonmore, we found that the good one was missing; I had evidently dropped the pill-box when I was transferring it to our cold box which carries our lunch on the outward journey and our specimens on the way home. If I catch you laughing, I'll wallop you hard.

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EPIBLEMA CNICICOLANA ZELL. IN HAMPSHIRE. — On 20th June 1976 I took a single male specimen of this scarce moth in Botley Wood. The wing pattern is quite distinct from other members of its genus, and superficially it looks much more like *Epinotia demarniana* F.v.R., being of a similar size though with a straighter costa, and the ocellus not so chalky white. Examination of the genitalia confirms the identification. The only previous record from the Hampshire mainland was by the late Mr. Ffennell who reported it from one area in the Itchen Valley in VC 12, and he was later rather doubtful that he had made a correct identification. — Dr. J. R. LANGMAID, 38 Cumberland Court, Festing Road, Southsea, Hants., PO4 0NH.

DEILEPHILA ELPENOR (L.) IN INVERNESS-SHIRE. — While working for the Nature Conservancy Council in the Cairngorms, I recorded a specimen of *D. elpenor* (L.) from Kincaig on 30.vi.76. Russell Leavett, the R.S.P.B. warden at Insh Marshes, has since recorded single specimens on 2.vii.77 and 8.vii.78 at Insh. — EUAN A. M. MACALPINE, Hawkins', St. Cross Road, Winchester, SO23 9HX.